

**Answers to Questions for RFA Number CFSA-09-RFA-0006
Volunteer Mentor Partnership Grant**

General Questions:

- 1. Q. As a for profit concern, are [for profit] organizations eligible to apply for this work?**

A. Funding is limited to not-for-profit or non-profit organizations.
- 2. Q.Who were the grant awardees last year? Since this is a very competitive grant opportunity if you knew of any others that might be available to apply for?**

A. In 2008, Volunteer Mentor Partnership Grants were awarded to Best Kids, Inc. and Evolution of Children.

To learn about other funding opportunities please visit the Federal Grants' website, www.grants.gov or the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services' website, www.opgd.dc.gov. Please also continue to check the Contracts and Procurement Administration's website, www.cfsa.dc.gov for future funding opportunities.
- 3. Q..... Does this grant program require a cost reimbursement payment to the grantee? What are the terms of the cost reimbursement? How long should the grantee expect payment from CFSA upon meeting its deliverables?**

A. Grant awards are normally dispersed in quarterly incremental payments, whereby 60% of the award is paid during the first 6months and 40% is paid for the remaining year. Please refer to the "Program Budget and Narrative" Section (Section VII, page 26) of the RFA, CFSA-09-RFA-0006 which details the allowable costs.
- 4. Q..... Should [an organization] apply for the grant even though [they have had] no prior clients?**

A. As specified in the RFA, CFSA-09-RFA-0006, applications will be accepted only from not- for- profit or non- profit, community-based organizations which have demonstrated abilities to meet the needs identified in this RFA, and who are able to commit to implementing the program measures over the grant period. Organizations may partner together to offer separate but coordinated components of the program.

5. Q. Is CFSA planning to convert all Mentoring contracts to volunteer status for non-profit organizations only?

A. The Council of the District of Columbia Human Services Committee directs CFSA to eliminate all contracts for paid mentoring after they expire on January 30, 2010. The Committee directs the Agency to use funds to support a transition to volunteer mentoring services.

Here's the link to the full report (see pg 14):

<http://www.dccouncil.us/media/2009%20Budget%20Documents/FY10%20Human%20Services%20Committee%20Draft%20Budget%20Report.pdf>

6. Q. What are the bi-weekly minimum hours for service, if any?

A. The answer is listed on page 7 of the RFA – At least 4 - 6 hours per month.

7. Q. I have a question about the scope of the RFA. Can an organization target only the youth population 12-21 years old or does it have to provide services to both populations identified in the RFA - Children 6-11 and youth 12-21?

A. A non-profit or not-for-profit organization can apply for just one age group, either younger or older.

8. Q.I would like to know how to apply for the course in regards to the Volunteer Mentoring Program?

A. If this question is in regard to "training", a person would have to be a mentor to take CFSA's training/mentor orientation.